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RECOGNITION OF THEATRE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on any proposal to grant the linguistic theatre the status of theatre on the lines of the Hindi theatre;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the Government is likely to announce its decision in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c). No special status has been granted to Hindi theatre, therefore, there is no question of granting the linguistic theatre the status of theatre on the lines of Hindi theatre. The workshops organised by the National School of Drama in various parts of the country are in different languages to address the needs of linguistic theatre. In the 9th National annual theatre festival 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' organised from 6th to 20th January 2007, 12 regional plays from different languages were performed. On the basis of the recommendations of the Broad Based Committee, opening of 5 full fledged regional schools of Drama at Bangalore, Goa/Maharashtra, Kolkata , North East and Jammu & Kashmir has been proposed during XIth Plan for promotion of theatre in Regional languages. The Sangeet Natak Akademi also covers the entire gamut of theatre in different languages.